COCHISE COUNTY



Hazard Abatement Ordinance

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Purpose: Revision of the Hazard Abatement Ordinance

- To revise current (1987) HAO to be consistent with State Statute (ARS 11-268)
- To provide for an Assessment Payment Schedule
- To clarify the abatement and lien notification process
- To provide a just, equitable and practical method to remedy and abate a hazard to a person, persons, or property:
 - Hazard: Accumulations or conditions which have a strong potential for causing or carrying a fire, cause injury to a person, cause hazard to the health of any person as result of damaged and dilapidated buildings which are unoccupied, unsecured, open and accessible and have the potential of harboring illegal activities.
- This Ordinance is not intended to be neighborhood beatification and aesthetic control measure or to address excessive use or lack of maintenance of buildings and/or structures
- This Ordinance is not intended to replace the Solid Waste Disposal Ordinance or Section1811 of the Zoning Regulations
- Close & Abate existing HAO caseload
 - 36 cases
 - 19 Carried forward, prior to 2008



















Magnitude: Hazard Abatement Ordinance Enforcement

- Violations/Hazard Inspections: 400 per year
 - Hearing Officer: 30 +/- per year
 - Hazard Abatements Cases: 31 per year (7.8%)
 - Hazard Abatement Cases ready for abatement:: 6 +/- per year (1.5%)
 - Actual Abatements: 6 (since 2008, fiscal impact \$87,745)
- Outdoor Storage is considered to be a Zoning Violation under Section 1811 of the Zoning Regulations
- Trash, garbage in public or private property is considered to be Solid Waste violation under the Solid Waste Disposal Ordinance 032-03 (March 2003)
- Solid Waste on Public Road Property (Solid Waste Disposal Ordinance)
 - Enforcement Action
 - Mitigated by the Community Development Department (16 times since June 2008)
 - Wildcat Inspections/Violations
 - 20 Inspections/Violations per month
 75% Comply upon Notification
 25% Referred to CCSO for citation/abatement
 5% Abated



Recommendation

Staff recommends the Board of Supervisors approve the Hazard Abatement Ordinance.

